

ITEM: 10

SUBJECT: City of Roseville, Master Reclamation Permit, Placer County

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of Amendment of Reclamation Permit to Implement Conditional Settlement of Lawsuit*

BACKGROUND: The City of Roseville operates an extensive water recycling project using tertiary treated wastewater from two treatment plants for irrigation of several parks and golf courses under Master Reclamation Permit No. 97-147. A Master Reclamation Permit allows the City to add and modify any reclamation use complying with the Permit without having to have the Permit modified for each change.

In June 2004 the Master Reclamation Permit was amended to:

- 1) Add the second treatment plant that had been constructed after original adoption of the Master Reclamation Permit; and
- 2) Address overflow of landscape irrigation ponds containing recycled water into surface waters. The original Master Reclamation Permit prohibited the direct discharge of recycled water into surface waters. The amendment approved the City's operational procedure to reduce the reclaimed water content of the landscape irrigation ponds prior to winter so that the landscape irrigation pond overflow did not violate the Reclamation Permit. DeltaKeeper contested this amendment before the Regional Board and subsequently petitioned the Permit to the State Water Board, which dismissed the Petition. DeltaKeeper then filed suit against the Regional Board alleging that the Regional Board had authorized a discharge of wastewater to surface water without requiring an NPDES Permit.

In a Conditional Settlement of the suit (attached), staff is proposing a second amendment to the Master Reclamation Permit. The proposed amendment rescinds the June 2004 amendment, and instead modifies Order No. 97-147 to prohibit discharge of recycled water from the landscape irrigation ponds and eliminates the requirement that recycled water be tested for chlorine. Wastewater from both of the City wastewater treatment plants can be used for irrigation.

The date for submittal of public comments is 19 October. Any received comments will be presented at the Board meeting.

ISSUES: Should the Board adopt the amendments to the Master Reclamation Permit proposed in the Conditional Settlement?

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